

## **Veterinary Prescriptions FAQ**

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**1. How do I register for a MN PMP account as a veterinarian or veterinary delegate?**

**NOTE:** A veterinary delegate may be a veterinarian, veterinary technician or any other personnel under the direction of the DEA registrant for the veterinary practice.

- To create a new account in PMP AWARe, first access the login screen at <https://minnesota.pmpaware.net/>
- Click “Create an Account” to begin the application. Once prompted, select the appropriate role under Healthcare Professional (e.g. Veterinarian or Veterinarian Delegate). Step-by-step instruction for account creation can be found in the [Quick Reference Guide – How to Register with the new MN PMP](#)
- For instruction on approving or rejecting delegates, see the [Delegate Management Tip-Sheet](#)

**2. For the purposes of reporting to the PMP, which owner/client should the prescription be reported under when the animal has multiple owners and the prescription is dispensed by a pharmacy?**

- A. If the animal has multiple owners, the dispenser should report the prescription to the MN PMP under only one of the owners, by using the client’s name, DOB, and gender as provided to the veterinarian.

**3. For the purposes of reporting to the PMP, what is the guidance for when an animal does not have a name?**

- A. If an animal’s name is truly unknown, then “**Unknown**” should be entered in the Name of Animal field (e.g. police officer locates an injured animal and brings to veterinary emergency room, upon which the animal is discharged with a controlled substance medication).

**4. For the purposes of reporting to the PMP, what is the guidance for when the animal does not have an owner? What is the owner’s date of birth and address in this instance?**

- A. If an animal is discharged from an inpatient facility and the owner is unknown, then the rescue director or animal control officer is considered the owner of the animal. The date of birth and gender of the rescue director or animal control officer should be utilized if the animal is discharged with controlled substance medications when reporting to the MN PMP. The address of the rescue organization or animal control should be utilized when reporting the address to the MN PMP.

**5. For the purposes of reporting to the PMP, what happens if the owner changes the animal’s name?**

- A. If the owner changes the animal’s name, then this will be reflected when a new prescription is reported to the PMP. By associating an animal’s prescription with its owner, insight may be gained if a client is changing the animal’s name in an attempt to mislead veterinarians or

mix the animal's controlled substance or gabapentin prescriptions with their own.

**6. How are changes of ownership reflected in the PMP (i.e. a change in marital status or sale of animal)?**

- A. If an animal's owner changes, then this will be reflected with a new owner's name when a prescription is issued and reported to the PMP under new ownership.

**7. Does the animal's date of birth (DOB) need to be reported to the PMP?**

- A. With the association of the animal's prescription to the client or owner, the animal's DOB is no longer a required field when reporting to the MN PMP. Rather, the client's DOB should be reported.

**8. Can the prescription include a microchip number if the animal has a microchip?**

- A. The microchip number is not a required field when reporting to the MN PMP. Even if the veterinarian includes the microchip number on the prescription, it is not reported to the PMP.

**9. Will the pharmacist contact the prescribing veterinarian if multiple or excessive animal prescriptions are found in the PMP?**

- A. The law does not require a prescriber or pharmacist to take action after requesting, receiving, or using information from the PMP program. However, it does not prevent a pharmacist from contacting a prescriber to discuss concerns prior to dispensing a prescription. Controlled substance and gabapentin prescriptions for both the owner and the animal can be searched by a human health care provider using the PMP.

**10. Is a veterinarian required to check the PMP before writing a prescription for controlled substances or gabapentin?**

- A. No

**11. Regarding an animal's date of birth, can a veterinarian or delegate simply list the animal's year of birth on the prescription? What if the age is unknown?**

- A. For the purposes of reporting to the PMP, the animal's DOB is no longer a required field. Rather, the **client's** DOB should be provided on the prescription and reported to the PMP.

**12. Is a veterinarian required to check the owner's date of birth if the medications are to be directly dispensed to the owner?**

A. No, but in the interest of public safety, this can be checked and recorded in the animal's medical record.

**13. Whose birthdate should be checked if someone other than the owner picks up the prescription? How should the birthdate be ascertained? Is a written record of checking the birthdate required?**

A. Identification and date of the person who picks up the prescription should be checked. In the interest of public safety, this information would ideally be placed in the medical record.

**14. Does the requirement of checking date of birth include controlled substances and gabapentin prescribed for all animal species?**

A. Yes

**15. Is a veterinarian required to record the owner's date of birth in the animal's medical record?**

A. No, but veterinarians are required to keep a record of prescriptions in the medical record per M.S.156.18.